

Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill making an appropriation for the payment of commissioners sent by the convention to the Choctaw, Cherokee, and other friendly Indian tribes. Read and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A message from the House announced an agreement to Senate's amendments to bill for the organization of state troops.

A bill for the relief of the East Texas Railroad Company. Read 2nd time; substitute of committee adopted.

Mr. Burnett, Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor a bill for the benefit of irrigable property.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Saturday, December 21, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Crawford of Fannin presented the petition of Jarman Carter. Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Burnett introduced a bill to extend the provisions of an Act for the incorporation of towns and cities to the town of Sumpter in Trinity County. Read 1st time. Rule suspended, read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule further suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Obenchain introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of John M. Hansford. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Harcourt introduced a bill to suspend Article 400 of the Penal Code until the 1st day of January, 1864, or until the removal of the existing blockade, whichever shall first occur. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill for the relief of Josiah Bradshaw. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of James McCown. Read 2nd time, substitute of the committee adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Boyd from Committee on Military Affairs reported the following bills and recommended their passage:

A bill making an appropriation for the manufacture of Minie balls.

A joint resolution relative to the two guns known in the history of Texas as the "Twin Sisters."

A joint resolution relative to increasing the pay of privates in the Confederate Army.

A bill to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors in 4½ miles of the town of Fort Worth. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of the following bill: a bill to amend an Act amendatory of the laws to raise revenue by taxation, approved February 16, 1858, and to amend an Act to amend an Act amendatory of the laws to raise revenue by taxation, approved February 16, 1858, approved April 8, 1861.

A bill for relief of railroad companies. Read 2nd time. The question being on Mr. Shelley's amendment to strike out 2nd section. Mr. Crawford of Jasper moved to lay on the table.

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Boyd, (Branch), Casey, Crawford of Jasper, Dickson, Lea, Moore, and Parsons—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Beasley, Branch [?], Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Darden, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Jordan, Mitchell, Obenchain, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, Shelley, Shepard, and Weatherford—18.

Mr. Shelley then withdrew his amendment and offered the following as a substitute for said 2nd section: "that the Commissioner of the General Land Office be and he is hereby authorized and required to issue to said railroad company certificates in quantities not less than 640 acres for the amount of \$7,500 of 5 per cent United States indemnity bonds computed at 75 cents on the dollar taken by said company as provided in the 1st section of this Act. Said certificates may be located in the same manner as headright certificates are located except that the locations shall be made in bodies of not less than 640 acres provided said certificates shall be issued at the rate of 50 cents per acre."

The bill was then made the special order for Monday, 11 o'clock A. M. Mr. Lea, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported a bill making an appropriation for the mileage and **per diem** of the members and the **per diem** of the officers of the 9th Legislature with the following amendments:

In Section 3rd, 9th line, strike out "all" and insert "other."

In Section 3rd, 10th line, after "dues" insert "as may be provided by law for the general reception of Treasury warrants for taxes and other public dues."

In same line strike out "their" and insert "his."

The House bill relative to revenue was referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Burnett, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following bills correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor:

A bill for relief of the heirs of Sanford Holman.

A bill for relief of Garrett F. Lankford.

The estray bill being special order was read 2nd time and Mr. Burnett's amendment adopted.

Mr. Weatherford's amendment to the bill for relief of railroad companies was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Beasley, Boyd, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Dickson, Erath, Graham, Obenchain, Parsons, Selman, Weatherford, and Wheeler—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Batte, Branch, Cook, Crawford of Fanin, Durant, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Reed, Scarborough, Shelley, and Shepard—17.

The Senate then adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

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Senate met, roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Crawford offered the following amendment to the estray law, which was adopted: insert after "Tarrant" the words "Newton, Jasper, Tyler, Polk, Hardin, and Orange." The bill was then read 3rd time and passed.

A bill allowing J. P. and F. W. Durant to adopt a female child. Read 2nd time, substitute of committee adopted, and bill ordered to a 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to create a hospital fund. Read 2nd time, substitute of committee adopted.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper offered the following amendment: "provided that the Governor is hereby authorized to appoint and give preference to any suitable person who may offer his services with no further charge upon the fund hereby appropriated than his necessary expenses."

Mr. Darden moved to strike out the words "and shall give preference to" from the amendment, whereupon Mr.

Hartley moved to lay on the table which motion was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Branch, Erath, Hartley, Houston, and Shepard—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Boyd, Burnett, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Dickson, Durrant, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, Shelley, Weatherford, and Wheeler—24.

Mr. Darden's amendment was then accepted by Mr. Crawford and the amendment adopted.

Mr. Darden then offered the following amendment: "The Governor may donate such amount as may in his opinion be just and proper out of the appropriation provided for in this Act to hospitals that have heretofore received and treated Texas soldiers." Adopted.

Mr. Mitchell offered the following amendment, which was laid on the table: "The agent or agents appointed by virtue of this Act is or are required to file with the Comptroller vouchers for all expenditures of money made under this Act."

Mr. Jordan moved to amend by inserting the words "under oath." Adopted.

Mr. Branch offered the following as a substitute for the 6th section: "that the agents appointed under the provisions of this Act shall keep a regular account of the monies received and expended by them for the sick and shall make monthly reports of the same under oath to the Governor of the State." Adopted.

Mr. Guinn offered the following amendment: "Said reports when approved by the Governor shall be filed in the Comptroller's office and stand to the credit of each person entitled thereto." Adopted. The bill was then ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed, Messrs. Selman and Wheeler voting nay.

The Senate then adjourned until 9½ o'clock A. M. Monday.

Monday, December 23rd, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Harcourt, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill making valid the removal of the records and library of the Supreme Court from Galveston to Hous-